

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 17, 2009

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 3183, Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010:

Requesting Member: Congressman TED POE

Bill Number: H.R. 3183, Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Corps of Engineers, Operations and Maintenance

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Sabine Neches Navigation District

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 778, Nederland, TX 77627

Description of Request: I, and President Obama, have jointly secured \$13,399,000 in funding to help maintain the Sabine-Neches Waterway at its current authorized dimensions of a 40-foot channel depth for inland channels to Port Arthur and Beaumont and a 500-foot width in the Port Arthur Canal and a 400-foot width in the Neches River Channel to Beaumont.

Requesting Member: Congressman TED POE

Bill Number: H.R. 3183, Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Corps of Engineers, Operations and Maintenance

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Chambers Liberty Counties Navigation District

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 857, Liberty, TX 77575

Description of Request: I have secured \$1,996,000 in funding to help maintain the Trinity River Project which is a 47 mile shallow draft waterway beginning at the Anahuac Channel to the Port of Liberty. The Navigation District needs shallow draft barge access to support the current industrial residents at the Port of Liberty and to attract new business.

100TH ANNIVERSARY HOBART ELKS LODGE 1152

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. VISCLOSKY. Madam Speaker, it is with great admiration and enthusiasm that I call attention to Hobart Elks Lodge 1152 in recognition of their 100th anniversary. Having served their Northwest Indiana surroundings with their charitable efforts, Lodge 1152 is to be commended. The always-prospering establishment

will be commemorating this magnificent milestone on July 25, 2009. Not only will this small community be celebrating the longstanding history of their lodge, but they will be celebrating the spirit of Elksdom everywhere.

Since its humble beginning in 1909, the Elks of Gary have been an ambitious bunch and have grown considerably since the time of their first establishment. Beginning with the meeting of thirty-four pioneers, the Gary Lodge 1152 was founded under its first Exalted Ruler, William P. Gleason. After hosting their gatherings in the Feuer building for more than a year, the Gary Elks felt it was time to expand and began construction of a building at 610 Washington Street, which would become home to the Lodge's meetings for the next seventeen years.

They remained there until 1928 when a new three story lodge was built at 8th Avenue and Broadway, which was necessary to comfortably accommodate their increasing civic activities. Among the perks of this new location was the WJKS radio station that very quickly became a tenant of the new establishment, based on an agreement that the broadcasting company would air an eleven o'clock toast nationally and nightly. Elks from as far as Alaska would begin gathering around local turrets to pay respect to their Absent Brothers, thankful to the Gary Lodge for its commitment to sustaining the National Elk community. Due to woes of the Great Depression, the Elks of Gary sold their building and relocated to 633 Washington Street until 1942, when they again moved to a more convenient location at 5th and Jefferson. Assisted by some of the Elks' skilled craftsmen and volunteers, the new building was refurbished to reflect the glory of the Gary Elks.

After 60 years in Gary, members of Lodge 1152 were relocated to the City of Hobart. It was there that they claimed their sanctuary on 61st Avenue. After about a year of construction, the first initiation was held on December 4, 1970. As an improved Hobart Lodge 1152, the Elks flourished so dramatically that they grew too large for the walls of their current structure, and henceforth built their latest addition, the Jubilee Room.

As the Elks of Hobart grew in number, so did their charitable contributions to the city. Such support was allocated to Boy Scout troops, Soccer Shoot and Hoop Shoot programs, and scholarship-worthy students throughout the region. This philanthropy was also expressed through contributions to organizations such as the Elks National Foundation, Cancer Fund, and Parade of Nickels. Additionally, the Hobart Elks have been actively involved with the veterans of Northwest Indiana, namely through their annual Flag Day Celebration.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in honoring and congratulating the Hobart Elks Lodge 1152 on its centennial celebration. Through the years, the establishment's members have graced us with their patriotism and benevolence, and I am truly honored to represent them in Washington, D.C.

TRIBUTE TO CORPORAL RYAN C. MCGHEE, U.S. ARMY, OF FREDERICKSBURG, VA

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 17, 2009

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember and honor Corporal Ryan C. McGhee of Fredericksburg, Virginia for his service and selfless sacrifice to his country.

Ryan McGhee's interest in the military dated back to his days playing soldier as a child. By the time he was ready to graduate from high school, football had become his passion. Pat Tillman, a famous football player turned soldier was among those that Ryan held in high regard. Like Pat Tillman, Ryan was killed in service to his country, like Pat Tillman, Ryan was a fine football player with a bright future. The parallels between these two men are unmistakable. Two athletes, two patriots, two men who chose to forego a life of relative comfort for a life of service to a cause greater than themselves. Nothing captures the spirit of our nation's warriors better than the illustration of selfless service provided by Ryan C. McGhee.

Ryan was born in Pittsburg and lived in Springfield, Vermont before moving to Fredericksburg, Virginia just prior to his sophomore year of high school. He and his brother Zachary grew up as active youths, enjoying snowboarding, skateboarding, and trick bike riding. Ryan and Zachary loved playing soldier. These two brothers progressed from playing soldier as boys to wearing the uniform as men.

An exceptional athlete, Ryan was the captain of the football team at Massaponax High School in Fredericksburg. This captain of the football team met his future fiancée not long after arriving in Virginia. Ashleigh Mitchell and Ryan McGhee were engaged to be married in the spring of 2010. The picture perfect love story of the captain of the football team and the cheerleader had jumped from the pages of the story book into reality.

Ryan's dedication to the service of his nation had called him to service in the United States Army. His competitive nature led him to the 3rd Battalion 75th Ranger Regiment at Ft. Benning, Georgia where he served as a rifleman and grenadier before serving as a weapons squad team leader with Company D. Prior to his deployment to Iraq, he had already distinguished himself as a seasoned combat veteran, serving three tours in Afghanistan.

Ryan C. McGhee was called home on May 13, 2009 after being wounded when his unit came in contact with enemy forces while conducting combat operations in Central Iraq. He brightened the lives of his fiancée: Ashleigh Mitchell of Fredericksburg, Virginia; Father: Steven M. McGhee, and stepmother Kristie J. McGhee of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina; Mother: Sherrie Battle-McGhee, of Knoxville, Tennessee; Brothers: Sgt. Zachary McGhee,

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